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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT" *(Form PTO/SB/08A)* with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

JP 11 132611 discloses a process to restrict growth of germs in a water passage between a water storing tank and an ice maker, and always enable to keep its sanitary state. An ice maker 12 is installed at a supporting box 10 having a water storing tank 34 stored therein. A water supplying hose 52 to be connected to the ice maker 12 is connected to a discharging port of a water supplying pump PM. A water suction hose to be connected to the water storing tank 34 is connected to a suction port of the water supplying pump PM. The water supplying pump PM is biased to operate to cause water stored in the water storing tank 34 to be supplied to the ice maker 12 through the water suction hose and the water supplying hose 52. A returning hose 56 for returning discharged water to be discharged from the ice maker 12 to the water storing tank 34 is connected to the ice maker 12. The water suction hose, the water supplying hose 52 and the returning hose 56 are made of anti-germ resin.

JP 2000 258008 discloses a method to provide an ice maker producing ice having extremely high transparency while decomposing harmful matters, e.g. bacteria, in the ice making water. In an ice maker having an ice making water circulation passage for supplying ice making water from an ice making water storage tank 22 to an ice making section, a photocatalyst is arranged on a component in the ice making water circulation passage, e.g. on the inner wall face 221 of the water storage tank 22, to touch the ice making water. An

electrostatic field is formed at the water storage tank 22 or the ice making section by applying a high voltage from a high voltage transformer.

JP 9 225457 discloses a procedure to provide an ice making device for a refrigerator capable of efficiently demonstrating the deodorization and sterilization function for water for ice making without using a deodorizing material such as an activated carbon. A photocatalyst 5 consisting of titanium oxide or a mixture of the photocatalyst 5 with an adsorbent is applied on a part or the whole of the inside surface of an ice making pan 2. The inside surface of the ice making pan 2 is irradiated by a light irradiating means 4 provided above the ice making pan 2 and composed of a black light. As a result, the photocatalyst 5 is excited and malodorous components in the water for ice making, which is adsorbed on the surface, are decomposed to a odorless components such as carbon dioxide gas or water. Since the photocatalyst 5 consisting of titanium oxide is semipermanently used, the troublesome exchange of an activated carbon filter or the like is not unnecessitated and the maintenance is simplified.

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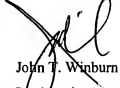
Respectfully submitted



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